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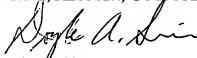
Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 19-59 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-18 were previously canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, and claims 19-41 were previously submitted with the Preliminary Amendment filed simultaneously with National Stage Entry of the present application on May 13, 2005. New claims 42-59 correspond to claims 1-18 originally filed in the present application (before cancellation by the first Preliminary Amendment) and originally filed in parent application 10/294,781 (filed Nov. 14, 2002); of which the present application claims benefit of priority. Applicants note that new claims 42-59 *correspond* to claims 1-18 as originally filed, but are presented herein with amendments previously submitted during prosecution of parent application 10/294,781 (*see*, "Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)" submitted Aug. 24, 2006; *and*, "Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111" submitted Feb. 3, 2006). As such, new claims 42-59 find support in the specification and claims 1-18 as originally filed. More particularly, as noted in parent application 10/294,781, support for new claims 42 and 57 (*i.e.*, previously amended claims 1 and 16) may be found in the present application, *inter alia*, at: page 3, lines 27-30; page 5, lines 18-24; page 8, lines 3-12; page 9, line 12 to page 10, line 8. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Second Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicant believes the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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